



MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 14, 1997

TO: Gary Konwinski, Environmental Manager, B116, X2729

FROM: Bob Cathel, RCRA Custodian 750 Pad/B788, T893A, X6880 *BC*

SUBJECT: CHARACTERIZATION OF WASTE AROUND THE SOLAR PONDS BLC-001-97

Gary, following is my plan for the above mentioned waste characterization:

Beginning tomorrow, Steve Dewitt and I will walk around the solar ponds and delineate groupings of waste materials. These groupings will be categorized as Solar Ponds Area #1, Solar Ponds Area #2, etc. This will facilitate the proper indexing and subsequent documentation of process knowledge regarding these materials. During this process I will tag each area with a 8.5" X 11" laminated sign denoting each identified area. After the areas have been tagged, Angie Dennis and I will interview Steve to record his process knowledge for all areas possible as indexed above. Also I will have photographs taken of each area to be included as a visual reference. For areas where there is not sufficient process knowledge we will consider the material as being contaminated with Hazardous Waste and manage as a Low Level Mixed Waste (LLMW). These LLMW's will either be decontaminated and managed as a Low Level Waste or not undergo decontamination and subsequently managed as LLMW. I believe the process knowledge documentation should take about 1-2 weeks. During this time I will be able to complete the photography services.

If you have any questions or comments please call me.

cc:

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